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**Subject:** Re: Microsoft antitrust suit

Attached please find my letter relating to this matter which I feel very strongly about!

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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am in favor of the settlement agreement in the Microsoft antitrust case. It is clearly in the best interest of consumers that this case be resolved.

In my view, the terms of the settlement agreement are fair. In fact, the concessions Microsoft has made go well beyond the complaints initially made against Microsoft. Microsoft has agreed to take steps to prevent any further allegations of predatory business practices. They have agreed not to retaliate against computer manufacturers who promote software that competes with Windows. They have also agreed to license Windows to the main computer makers at a uniform price.

There is no reason to continue litigating the case, especially since Microsoft's compliance with the settlement agreement will be monitored by a review committee.

In such difficult economic times, the focus should be on encouraging thriving businesses not trying to weaken them. I also ask you to consider this: smaller companies and others like to attack Microsoft because of their huge success and power, in much the same that the United States is dislike and attacked by many countries, (especially those that actively promote terrorism)

because it is such a successful and powerful nation. Why is success being punished?

Other companies should expend more of their energies on finding new and innovative products instead of piggybacking on the success of Microsoft.

I am hopeful the Court approves the settlement agreement in its present form and this suit comes to a conclusion as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Isabel Blackburn

cc: Representative William Delahunt